

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee**  
**March 122009**

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Committee Members Present:** County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Pauline Jaske, Peter Wolff and Peter Gundrum. **Absent:** Supervisor John Pledl.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Ann Olson, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Director of Public Works Rich Bolte, Transit Director Bob Johnson, Deputy Transit Director Andrew Johnson, County Executive Chief of Staff Allison Bussler, County Board Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite, Budget Management Specialist Linda Witkowski, and Tom Dieckelman & Mike Pjevach of Wisconsin Coach Lines.

**Approve Minutes of February 24, 2009**

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Wolff, to approve the minutes of February 24, 2009, as amended.  
Motion carried: 6-0.

**Approve Minutes of February 26, 2009**

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Jaske, to approve the minutes of February 26, 2009, as amended.  
Motion carried: 6-0.

**Future Meeting Date**

- March 26, 2009

Swan stated he would be attending a meeting at Pewaukee City Hall regarding a State project plan for the widening of Capitol Drive.

**Discuss and Consider Request for Parking Lot Signage Changes for Temporary Reassignment of Parking Stalls in the Law Enforcement Center Lot**

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Jaske, to accept the parking lot signage changes for the temporary reassignment of parking stalls in the Law Enforcement Center lot.

Grimm explained that the Department of Public Works Facilities Division has contracted to do work in the Medical Examiner's Office. In order to accommodate the construction work, parking stalls located west of the Law Enforcement Center would need to be temporarily changed. All of the parking stalls would be returned to their current designation once construction is completed. The estimated completion date for this project is March 1, 2010.

Motion carried: 6-0.

**Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-102: Eliminate Transit Transfer Fee And Zone Fare Charges On Mass Transit System**

Bolte explained the need to make the transit system more rider friendly. This ordinance proposes to authorize the elimination of the transfer fee and zone fare charged on Transit Routes 1, 10 and 218. Studies have shown that transfer fee and zone fare charges to riders traveling between Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties are a barrier and a disincentive to increasing ridership. The increased ridership

resulting from the elimination of the transfer fee and zone fare is expected to generate additional revenue to offset this policy change. Bolte stated that doing this would not have a negative impact on the budget .

Jaske moved, second by Wolff, to approve Ordinance 163-O-102.

Jaske asked if there were other zone fees on any other County transit routes. B. Johnson said there is a 35-cent fee still in effect on Route 79 in Menomonee Falls. Jaske questioned why that fee was not eliminated. B. Johnson stated that a study has not been done on that route. There have never been any complaints from riders with regard to the fee. A. Johnson added that it might be because the demographics are different and the riders don't have an issue paying the fee in exchange for the convenience the route provides to them. Route 79 will stay as is for now, but may be looked at in the future.

Motion carried: 6-0.

To answer Swan's question, Bolte stated the Milwaukee and Waukesha are looking at joint specifications for fare boxes and using possible stimulus money for the purchase.

On behalf of the Public Works Committee, Swan thanked Bolte for his 24 years of dedicated service to Waukesha County and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Kolb, to adjourn at 8:52 a.m. Motion carried: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff  
Secretary